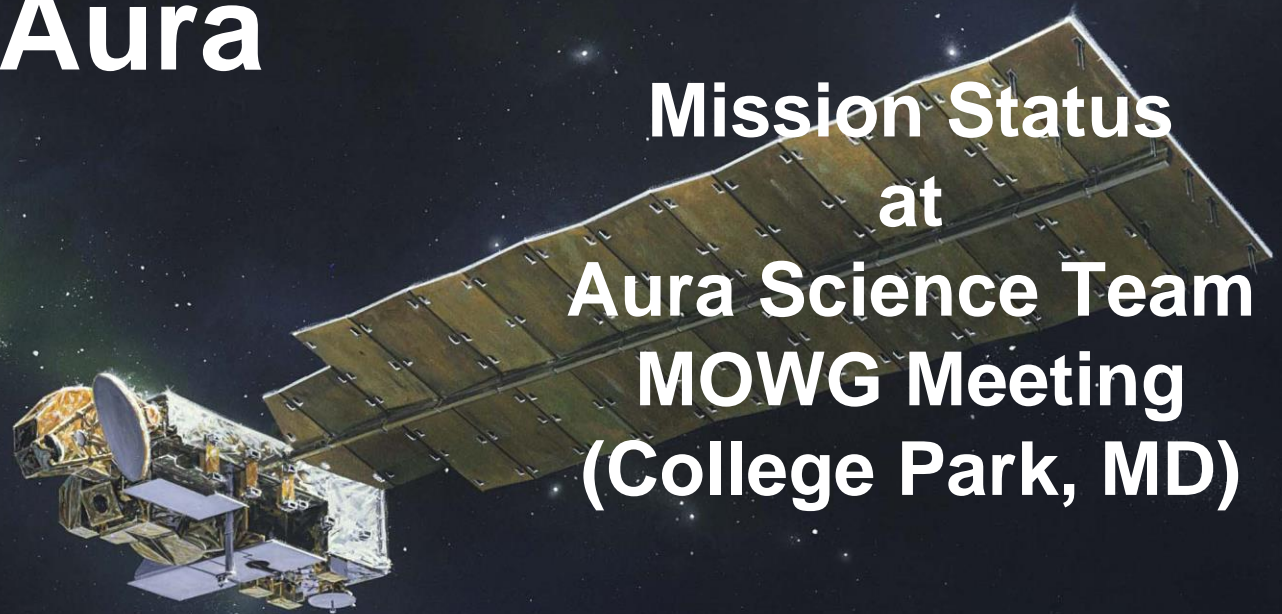


EOS Aura



**Mission Status
at
Aura Science Team
MOWG Meeting
(College Park, MD)**

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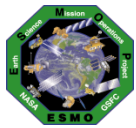
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Topics



- **Mission Summary**
- **Spacecraft Subsystems Summary**
- **Recent & Planned Activities**
- **Spacecraft Anomalies**
- **Data Capture**
- **Propellant Usage & Lifetime Estimates**
- **Overall Summary**
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 - **Mission Highlights & Past Spacecraft Anomalies**
 - **Reliability Estimates**

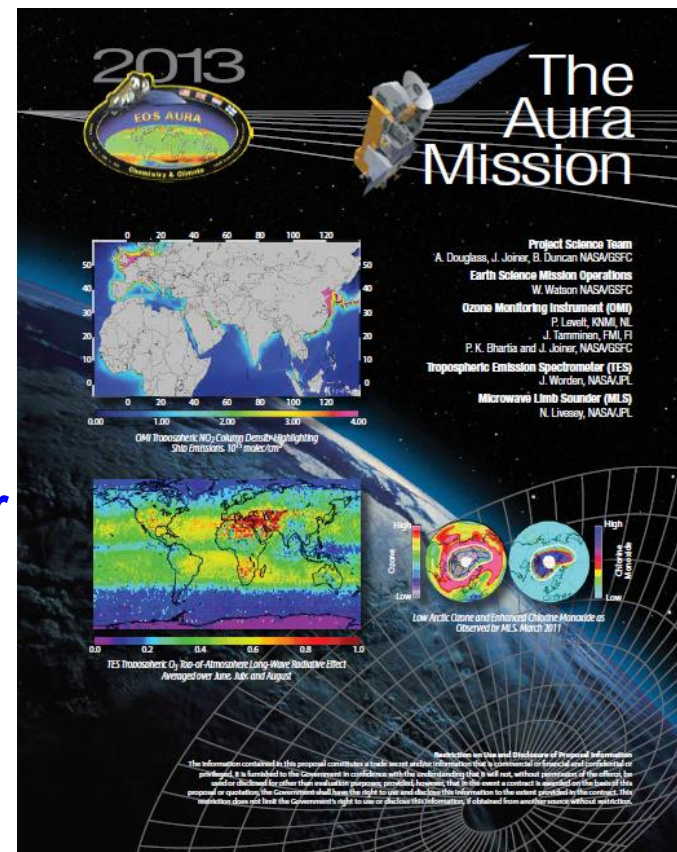


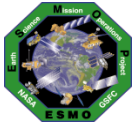
EOS Aura Mission Summary

(Changes since October 2012 MOWG @ JPL)



- 07/15/04: Launch
 - 6-Year Design Life
- 09/30/10: End of Prime Mission Review
- 10/01/12: STM & MOWG @ JPL
- 03/01/13: Senior Review Proposal #3
 - Reliability Estimates thru 2021
 - Consumables through 2023+
- 07/10/13: 2013 Mission Extension Senior Review Proposal Panel Report
 - #4 Ranked Earth Science Mission
 - Mission extension through FY17
- 07/15/13: Aura 9-Year Anniversary
- 07/22/13: Submitted Phase F Study
- 07/15/14: 10-Year Anniversary





Aura Spacecraft Subsystems

(Changes since October 2012 MOWG @ JPL)



- **Command & Data Handling (CDH) – Nominal**
 - *Solid State Recorder (SSR) Anomaly (December 4-18, 2007)*
 - » *Returned November 2010 at reduced level – then subsided January 2011*
 - » *Returned again 04/15/2012 – currently still “active”*
- **Communications (COMM) – Nominal**
- **Electrical Power System (EPS) – Nominal**
 - *Solar Panel Connector Anomaly – ARE-3C (January 12, 2005)*
 - *Solar Array Offset (Reported 11/17/09, Corrected 06/29/10 and each year since)*
 - *Array Regulator Electronics (ARE) 5A Anomaly (03/12/2010)*
 - » *Simultaneously with GN&C Attitude Disturbance – attributed to MMOD Strike*
 - » *04/25/2013 additional ARE-5A power drop anomaly*
 - *Other older ARE Anomalies: ARE-5C (9/27/12 & 2/4/13), ARE-1A (3/12/10 & 11/5/11) & ARE-6A (9/14/13)*
 - » *Estimated that Aura has lost 22 strings of solar cells out of a total of 132 strings*
 - » *Aura continues to have significant power margin where the life limiting item is fuel*
- **Flight Software (FSW) – Nominal**
- **Guidance, Navigation & Control (GN&C) – Nominal**
 - *Earth Sensor Assembly (ESA) Anomaly (05/29/2009) – Re-calibrated in Fall 2009*
- **Propulsion (PROP) – Nominal**
 - *Dual Thruster Module (DTM-3) Anomaly (Aug 16, 2005)*
- **Thermal Control System (TCS) – Nominal**

All subsystems configured to primary hardware

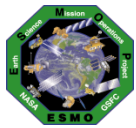


Summary of Activities

(Since the last MOWG on 10/01/2012)



- **51 CARA High Interest Orbital Debris Events (Tiers 1-4)**
 - **22+** that required significant action (see backup charts 29-31)
 - » 09/03/2013: First High Interest Event (HIE) with operational Chinese satellite (SJ-11-02)
 - » 11/15/2013: Moved up a planned DMUM from 11/20 to 11/15 (DAM#5)
 - » 06/15/2014: Modified planned DMUM to mitigate predicted close approach (DAM #6)
 - » 08/29/2014: Advanced a planned DMUM to mitigate multiple conjunctions on 9/2 (DAM #7)
 - » **15+** Risk Mitigation Maneuvers (RMMs) were planned but the risk-level rolled off
 - » **4** DMUMs re-scheduled due to post-maneuver conjunctions of concern (PMCs)
- **3 Spacecraft EPS ARE power drop anomalies – no impact to operations**
 - 2/4/2013 (ARE-5C), 4/25/2013 (ARE-5A) & 9/14/2013 (ARE-6A)
- **8 Significant instrument related anomalies (Generated NASA Anomaly Reports)**
 - TES: 3 Safe Events (9/21/13, 11/24/13 & 12/4/13), 1 Stall (5/18/14) & Laser-A Failure (7/9/14)
 - MLS: 3 Signal Chain Related (10/17/12, 9/16/13 & 8/19/14)
- **Spacecraft Delta-V Maneuvers: 24 Routine DMUMs and 8 IAMs**
- **2 Instrument Calibration Maneuvers**
 - 03/29/2013: MLS Yaw Slew #8 Lunar Calibration
 - 03/18/2014: MLS Yaw Slew #9 Lunar Calibration
- **Completed 2 Series of Annual Inclination Adjust Maneuvers (2013 & 2014)**
- **Completed 2 EOS Flight Operations Annual Reviews (1/30/13 & 2/20/14)**

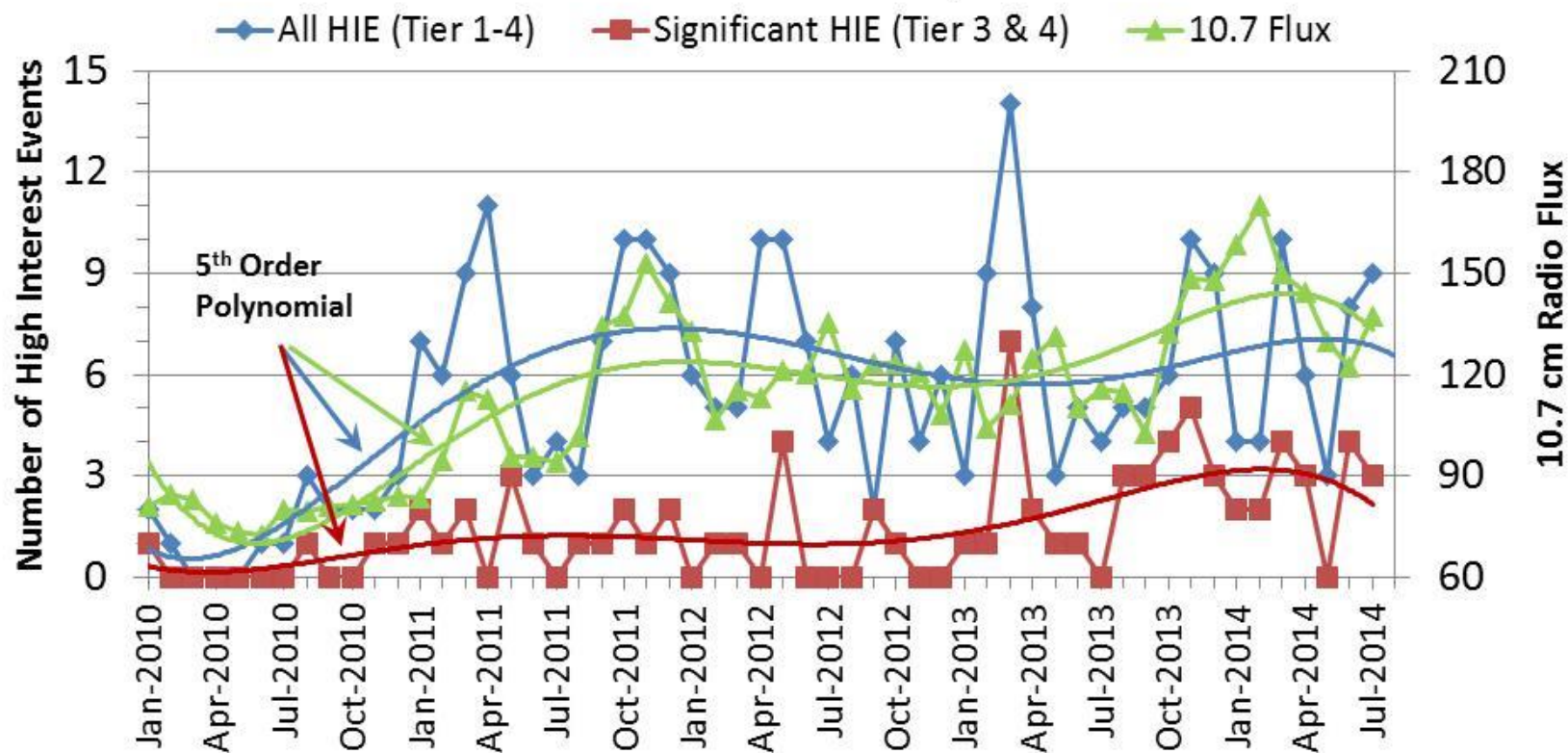


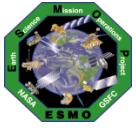
EOS Debris Avoidance Activities

2010 - 2014 EOS (Terra, Aqua and Aura) High Interest Events

T1 – Notify (email/phone), T2 – Conduct Briefing

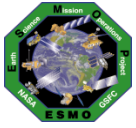
T3 – Plan Maneuver, T4 – Execute/Replan Maneuver





Planned Activities

- **09/24/2014: Drag Make Up Maneuver (DMUM) # 71**
- **10/16/2014: Drag Make Up Maneuver (DMUM) # 72**
- **January 2015: Flight Operations Annual Review (#8)**
- **March 2015: Submit Senior Review Mission Extension Proposal**
- **Spring 2015: Annual Inclination Adjust Maneuvers (DRAFT SCHEDULE)**
 - **3/19/15 (#41), 3/26/15 (#42), 4/2/15 (#43), 4/16/15 (#44) & 4/23/15 (#45)**
- **Mid-to-Long-Term Plans**
 - **Continuing performing “No Yaw Slew” maneuvers (DMU & RMM/DAM)**
 - **Continue to improve RMM/DAM responsiveness**
 - » See additional details on following slides
 - **Fall Earth Science Constellation MOWG (October 2014)**
 - » Update propellant budget, decommissioning analysis, reliability predictions,...
 - **2015 Senior Review Proposals**



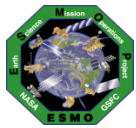
New RMM/DAM Operations Concept



The EOS FOT/FDT is developing new operational procedures and products, to safely plan and execute Risk Mitigation Maneuvers (RMMs) and/or Debris Avoidance Maneuvers (DAMs) in a significantly reduced amount of time (hours vs. days)

This new and improved procedures and products will....

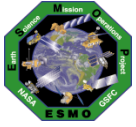
- Eliminate the current critical path for instrument and communications subsystem commanding in the daily stored command load**
- Require less personnel and man-hours for preparation**
- Require fewer systems for preparation**
- Require generation of fewer products**
- Allow greater flexibility with burn duration & timing**



DRAFT Spring 2015 Inclination Adjust Plan

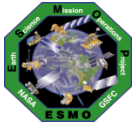


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 March	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Aqua IAM #43	19 Aura IAM #41	20 Equinox	21
22	23	24	25 Aqua IAM #44	26 Aura IAM #42	27	28
29	30	31	1 April Aqua IAM #45	2 Aura IAM #43	3	4
5 Easter	6	7	8 Spring Break	9 Spring Break	10	11
12	13	14	15 Aqua IAM #46	16 Aura IAM #44	17	18
19	20	21	22 Aqua IAM #47	23 Aura IAM #45	24	25
26	27	28	29 Aqua Backup	30 Aura Backup		



Spacecraft Anomalies

Array Regulator Electronics Anomalies

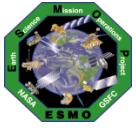


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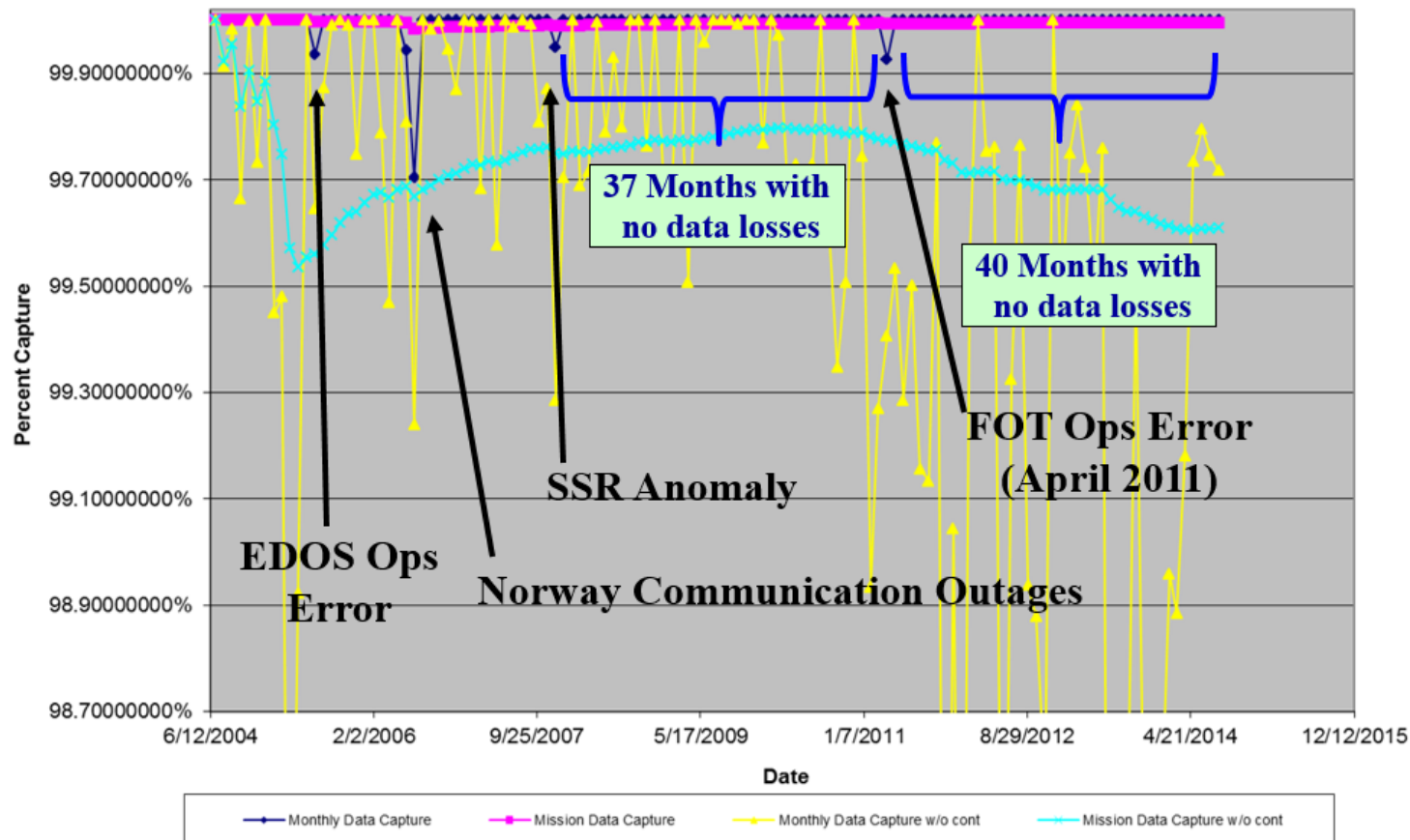
No new Aura ARE Anomalies – Last ARE-6A on 09/14/2013

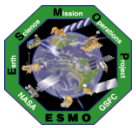
- **07/17/2013: Met with NGAS to review the results of their anomaly investigation to date (focus to date had been on Aqua ARE-6A that occurred 10/20/2011)**
 - Loss could be for many possible reasons including short or open circuits
 - Most failure modes exhibited by Aqua and Aura appear most likely to be caused by loss of output from multiple solar array strings (see NGAS Fishbone Diagram Analysis & Final Report)
 - Additional Aura ARE Anomalies due to other causes
 - » 01/12/2005: Disengaged Solar Array Connector (ARE-3C)
 - » 03/12/2010: MMOD (?) Vacuum Arching (ARE-5A)
- **09/25/2013: NGAS Follow-up Meeting (Focus on Aura investigation)**
- **09/27/2013: FOT reports ARE-6C current drop on 9/14 masked by TES transition to Safe on 9/22**
- **11/13/2013: NGAS Follow-up Meeting (Focus on Aura investigation)**
- **12/11/2013: NGAS Follow-up Meeting (Focus on Aura investigation)**
- **01/15/2014: EPS Performance Review & Anomaly Closeout → 02/05/2014 → 03/05/2014**
- **03/05/2014: NGAS Investigation Status Meeting**
- **03/21/2014: Follow-up/Close-out Meeting while NGAS was at GSFC**
 - Aura appears to have lost output from about 22 of 132 strings – No impact to mission operations at this time
 - FOT & NGAS continues to closely monitor the overall performance of the Electrical Power System (EPS)
 - NGAS working on final anomaly report – expect delivery in mid-July
- **06/04/2014: NGAS Briefing – Final Briefing/Report planned for July**
- **07/28/2014: NGAS delivers draft final report and presentation – ESMO currently reviewing**
- **09/17/2014: NGAS Briefing to ESMO and AETD at GSFC**



Data Capture – SSR Data Losses October 2012 to August 2014

- 40 months without a solid state recorder (SSR) data loss
- Last loss April 2011: OMI data loss 107/21:08:49-22:13:04 (FOT Ops Error)
- SSR Data Capture to 8/31/2014: 99.99490238 %*



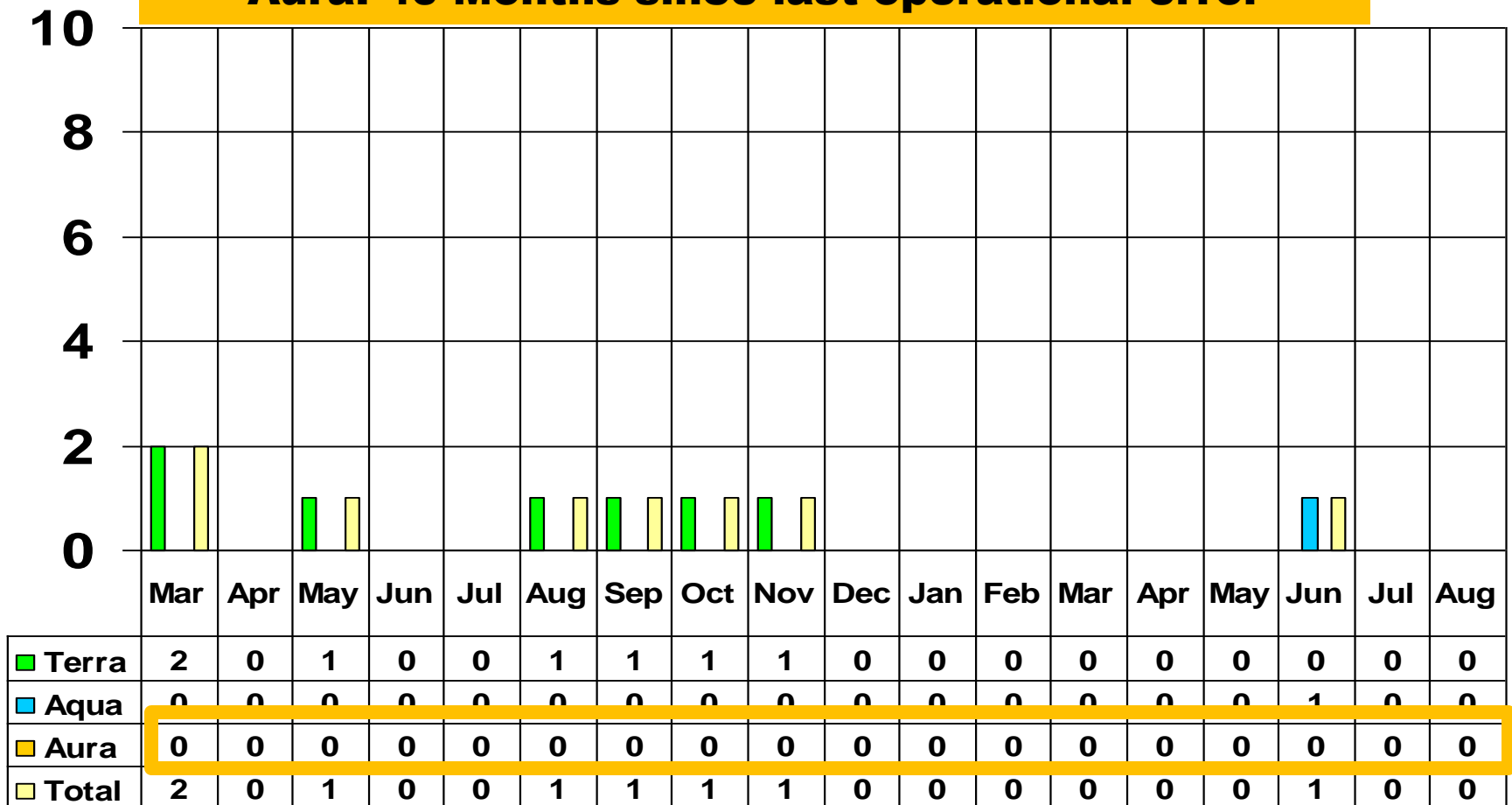


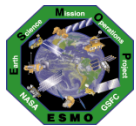
Operational Errors

(18-Months: March 2013 – August 2014)



Aura: 40 Months since last operational error



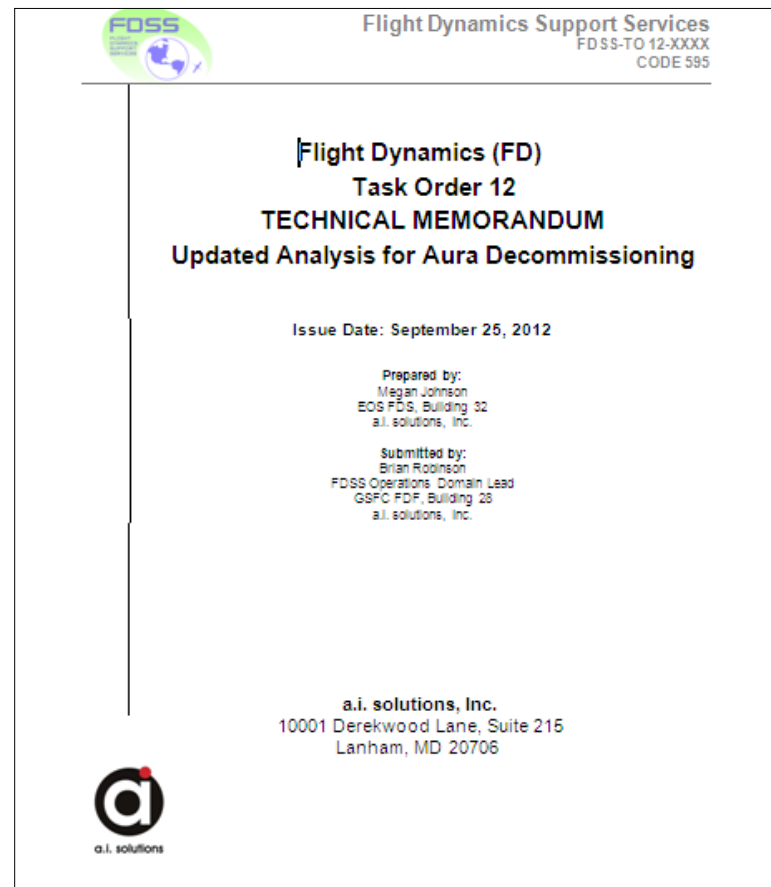


Propellant Usage

(To be updated September 2014)



- Initial Aura lifetime fuel analysis in 2006
- Detailed Aqua & Aura lifetime analysis in 2008
 - Presented to MOWG and at Aura End of Prime Mission Review in September 2010
- Annually updated end-of-life estimates
- Initial Aura Decommissioning Plan was delivered in September 2012
 - Updated Lifetime Estimates
- Updated August 29, 2013
 - Updated propellant trends for IAMs & DMUMs
 - Updated definitive fuel usage
 - Updated predicted solar flux levels
 - Updated Constellation Exit Plan
 - Safely exiting the Afternoon Constellation requires that Aura's final apogee be at least two kilometers below the minimum perigee of the other constellation members (692 km target)
 - Perform orbit lowering maneuvers centered at apogee and perigee (pairs of maneuvers)
- Annual updates will be provided
 - Final will be produced 60 days before start of decommissioning
- Begin work on 2014 Update: ~ Summer 2014



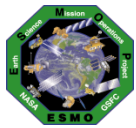


Remaining Fuel Estimate



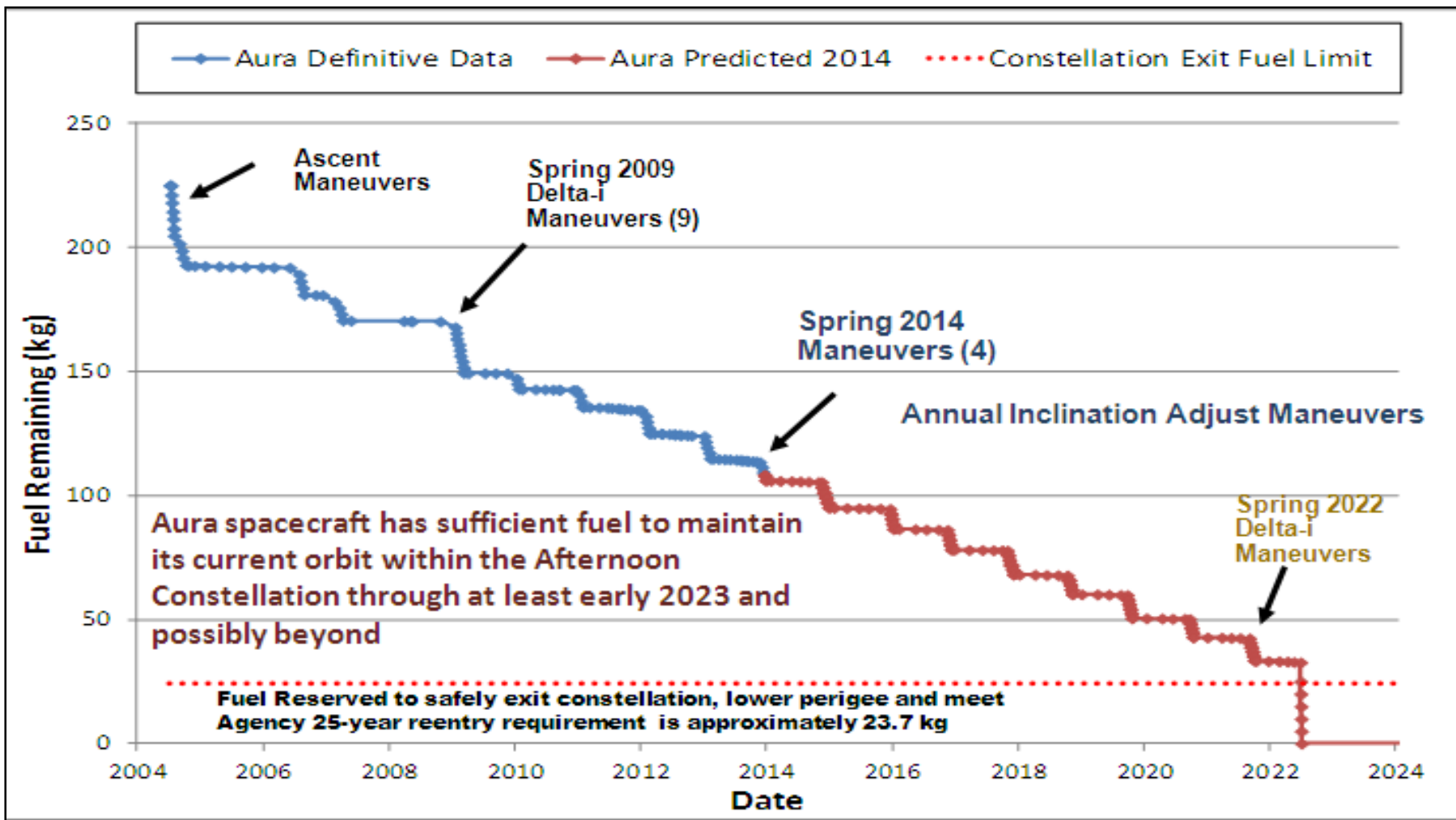
(No changes since September 2013 ESC MOWG @ JPL)

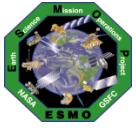
- Long-term orbit simulations were run for Aura through Feb 2023
 - Used mean nominal Schatten solar flux predictions
 - Estimated the frequency of drag make-up maneuvers to maintain Aura's WRS-2 ground track requirements
 - Estimated the required number of annual inclination maneuvers for Aura to maintain it's mean local time (MLT) requirement
 - Did not include potential debris avoidance maneuvers
 - Utilized FreeFlyer 6.7.2 which incorporated the solid earth tide model allowing greater accuracy for long term predictions of inclination, beta angle, and mean local time
- Lifetime predictions for Aura show that the spacecraft will have sufficient fuel to maintain its current orbit within the Afternoon Constellation through at least early 2023 and possibly beyond
- Analyses are updated annually by ESMO Flight Dynamics Team after each series of inclination adjust maneuvers



Fuel Usage: Actual & Predicted

(Updated April 2, 2014)





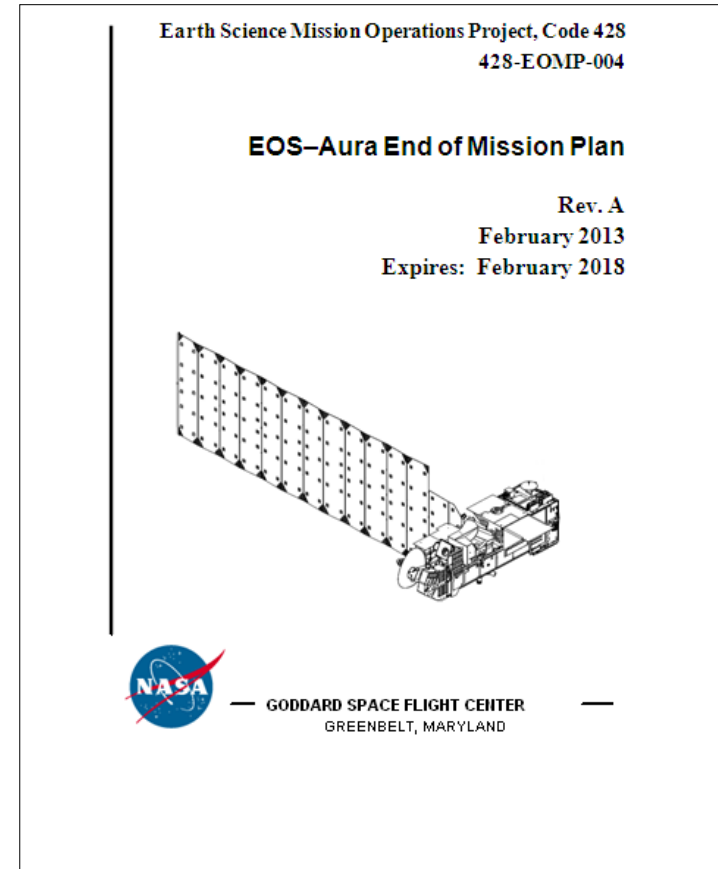
Aura End of Mission Plan

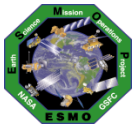


- Initial draft February 2009
- Produced the first “Interim” End of Mission Plan (EoMP) in May 2011
 - Approved by NASA HQ July 2011
- Produced EoMP (Rev A): February 2013
 - Updated Lifetime Estimates (09/2012)
 - Added Small Object Collision Assessment
- Annual updates will be provided until end of mission
 - Final will be produced 60 days before EoM
 - Latest Annual Lifetime Estimate (09/2013)
 - Synopsis
 - » Exit the A-Train Constellation
 - » Passivate Aqua to the extent possible for uncontrolled reentry
 - » Aqua has **five (5)** waivers for passivation
 - Pressurant Passivation
 - Large Object Collision Probability
 - Small Object Collision Probability
 - Orbital Lifetime
 - Re-entry Risk
- **Begin work on EoMP Rev B: ~ Fall 2014**

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Aura Mission Operations Status

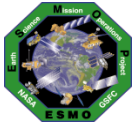




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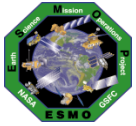


- **Spacecraft Status - GREEN**
- **Instrument Status - GREEN**
 - HIRDLS: Chopper Stalled 03/17/08 – Not collecting science data
 - MLS: Operating Normally – Only periodic Band 13 measurements
 - » THz module in Standby Mode – Tested Annually – **currently from 08/18/14 - 09/18/14**
 - » 08/06/2013: Band 12 Shut down (reached end of useful life – 2-year design)
 - » 09/16/2013: 190 GHz Signal Chain Anomaly (Recovered 09/16/2013)
 - » **08/19/2014: GHz Anomaly (SEU in SAA – recovered the same day)**
 - OMI: Operating Normally
 - » Field-of-View Anomaly started in September 2007 – currently stable
 - TES: Operating Normally
 - » 05/18/2014: TES ICS Stall #2 (Recovered 07/05/2014)
 - » 07/09/2014: TES Laser A Failure (Switched to Laser B on 7/23/2014)
 - TES returned to routine Special Observation operations on 07/26/2014
- **Data Capture/L0 Processing Status – GREEN**
 - **SSR Data Capture to 08/31/2014: 99.99490238 %**
- **Ground Systems – System Upgrades completed no current issues**
 - Responding to new security requirements and upgrades to obsolete hardware or COTS systems, as required – Automation Effort underway



Additional Charts

Maneuvers & Ground Track History Orbital Trends

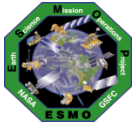


Orbit Maintenance

KEY: Updates since last MOWG in blue



- **Mission Requirements:** Perform Drag Make-Up Maneuvers (DMUMs) to maintain Aura's Ground Track Error (GTE) with respect to the World Reference System (WRS-2)
 - Requirement: +/-20 Km as measured at the Descending Node
- **To meet coincident viewing requirements, Aura's initial ground track was offset from Aqua's by one WRS path plus 25.4 Km**
 - Aura was maintained -5.4 to -45.4 Km west of Aqua until late 2007
 - Since May 8, 2008, a new control box, +/- 10 Km from a +18 Km (east) offset of the Aqua WRS-2 path is used to maintain MLS-CALIPSO viewing request
- **To date a total of 70 routine DMUMs have been performed**
 - **Transitioned to routine no yaw slew DMUMs in 2012**
 - **Last maneuver 08/29/2014 (#70) – Next maneuver 09/24/2014 (#71)**
 - Variation in performance from -3.5% (cold) to +3.3% (hot)
- **Conducted 9 series of inclination adjustment maneuvers**
 - Fall 2004 (4), Fall 2006 (4 of 6), Spring 2007 (4), Spring 2009 (9), Spring 2010 (3),
 - Spring 2011 (3), Spring 2012 (4), **Spring 2013 (4) & Spring 2014 (4)**
 - Variation in performance from -1.4 % (cold) to +6.7 % (hot)

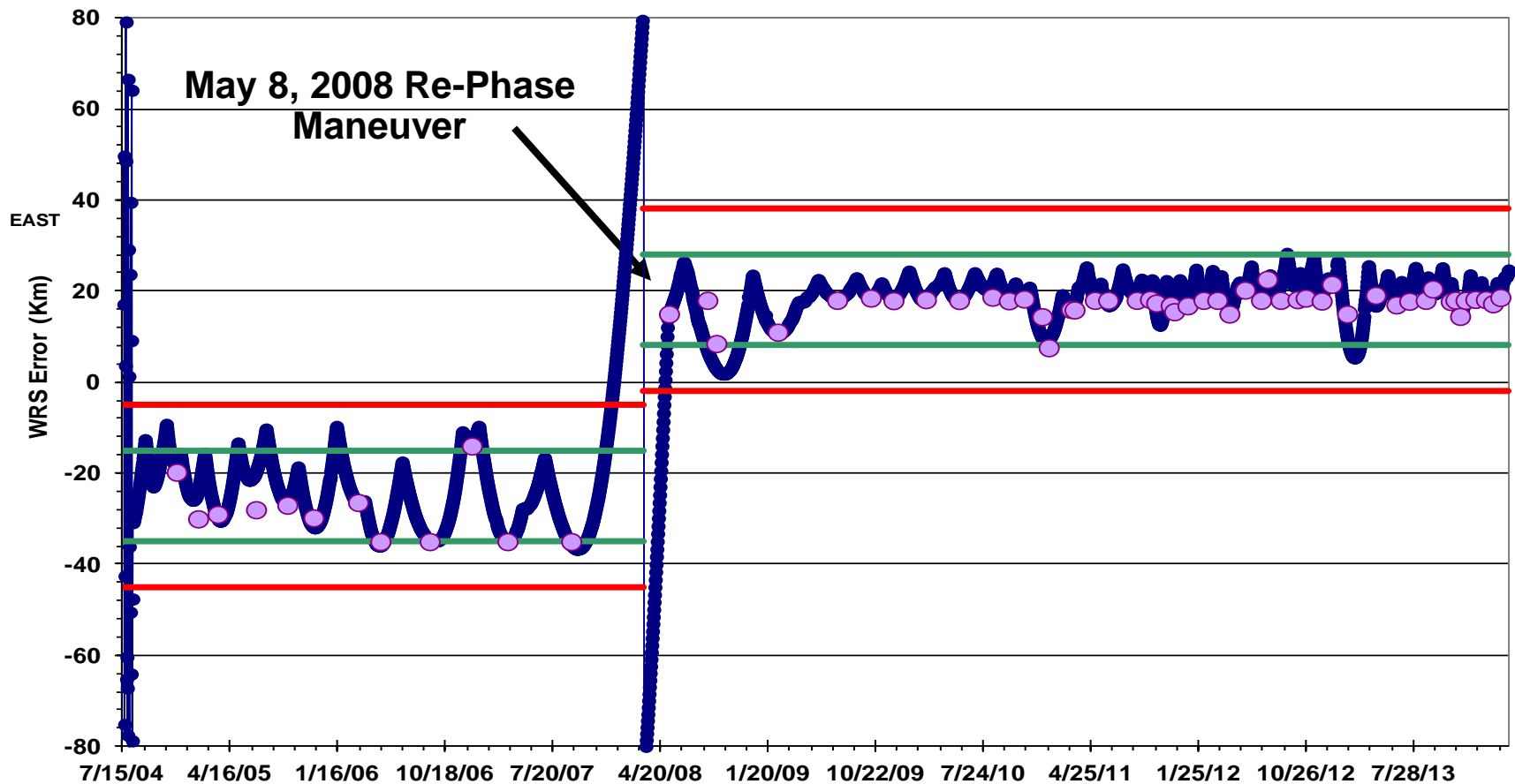


WRS Ground Track Error (GTE)

(As of April 2, 2014)



Aura WRS Groundtrack Error at the Descending Node
(Maneuver planning targets included)

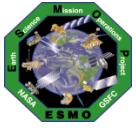


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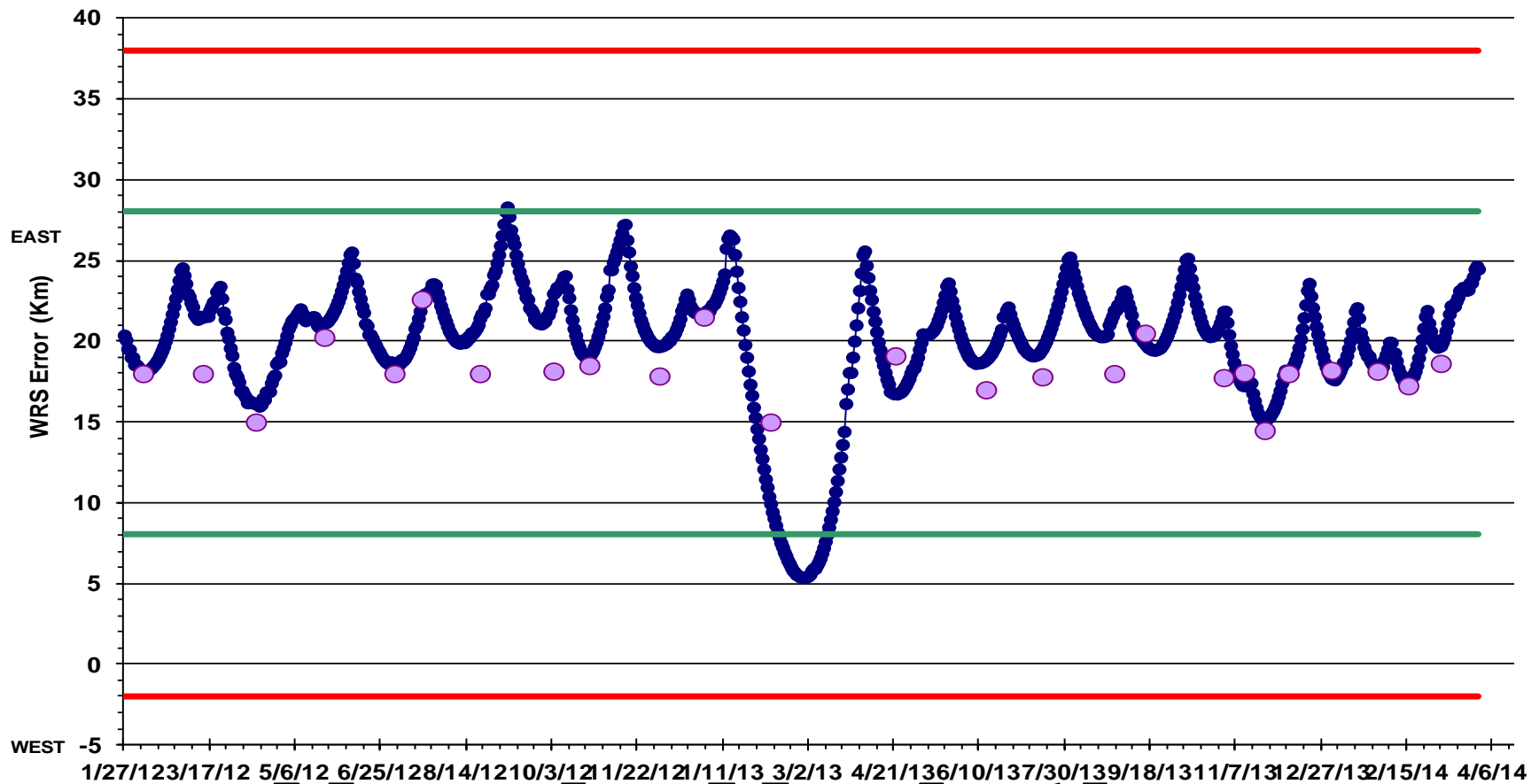


WRS Ground Track Error (GTE)

(As of April 2, 2014 – Past 19+ months)



Aura WRS Groundtrack Error at the Descending Node
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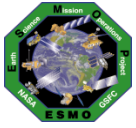


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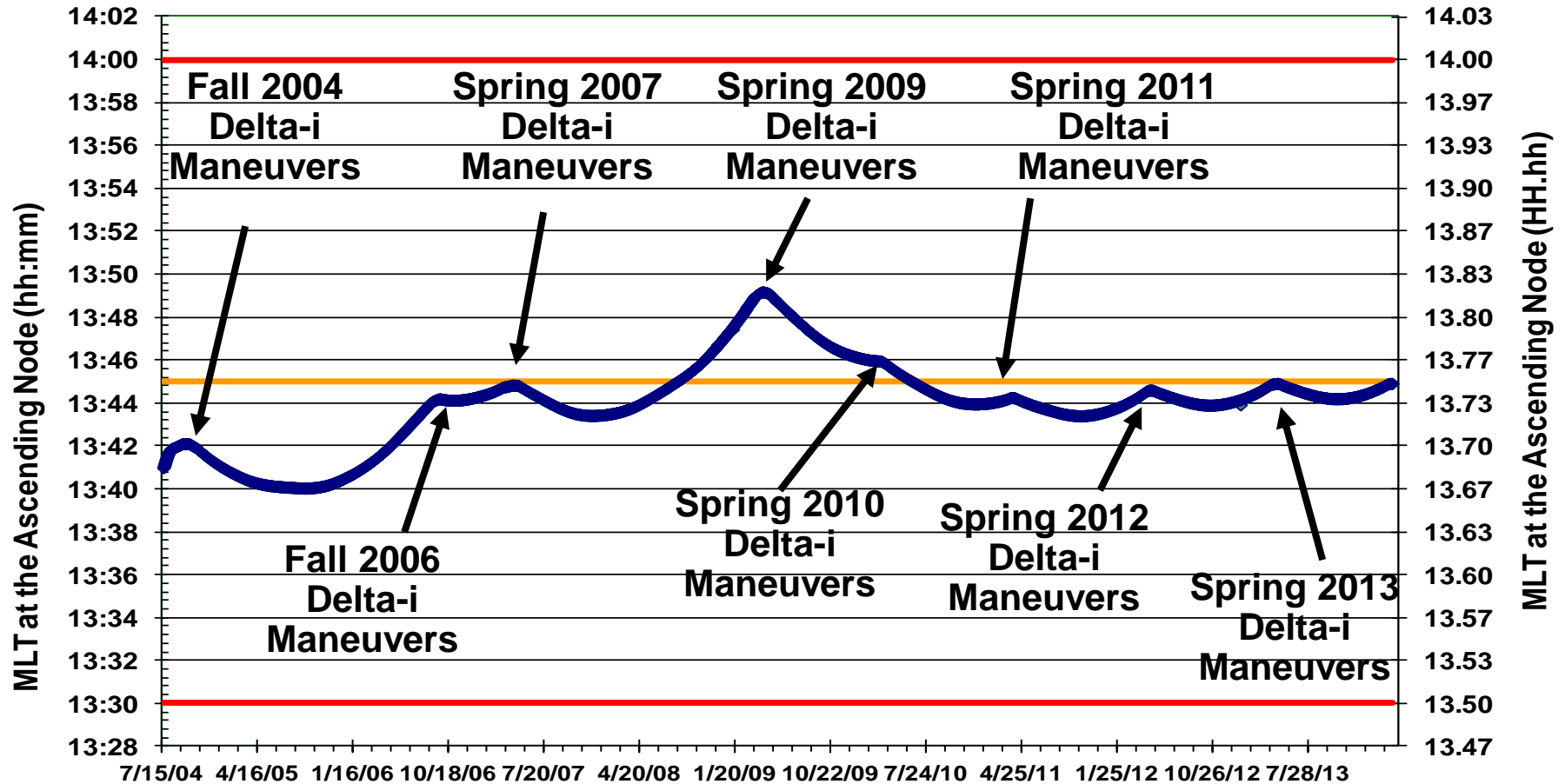


Aura MLT @ Ascending Node

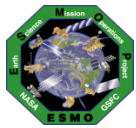
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Aura Averaged Mean Local Time at the Ascending Node



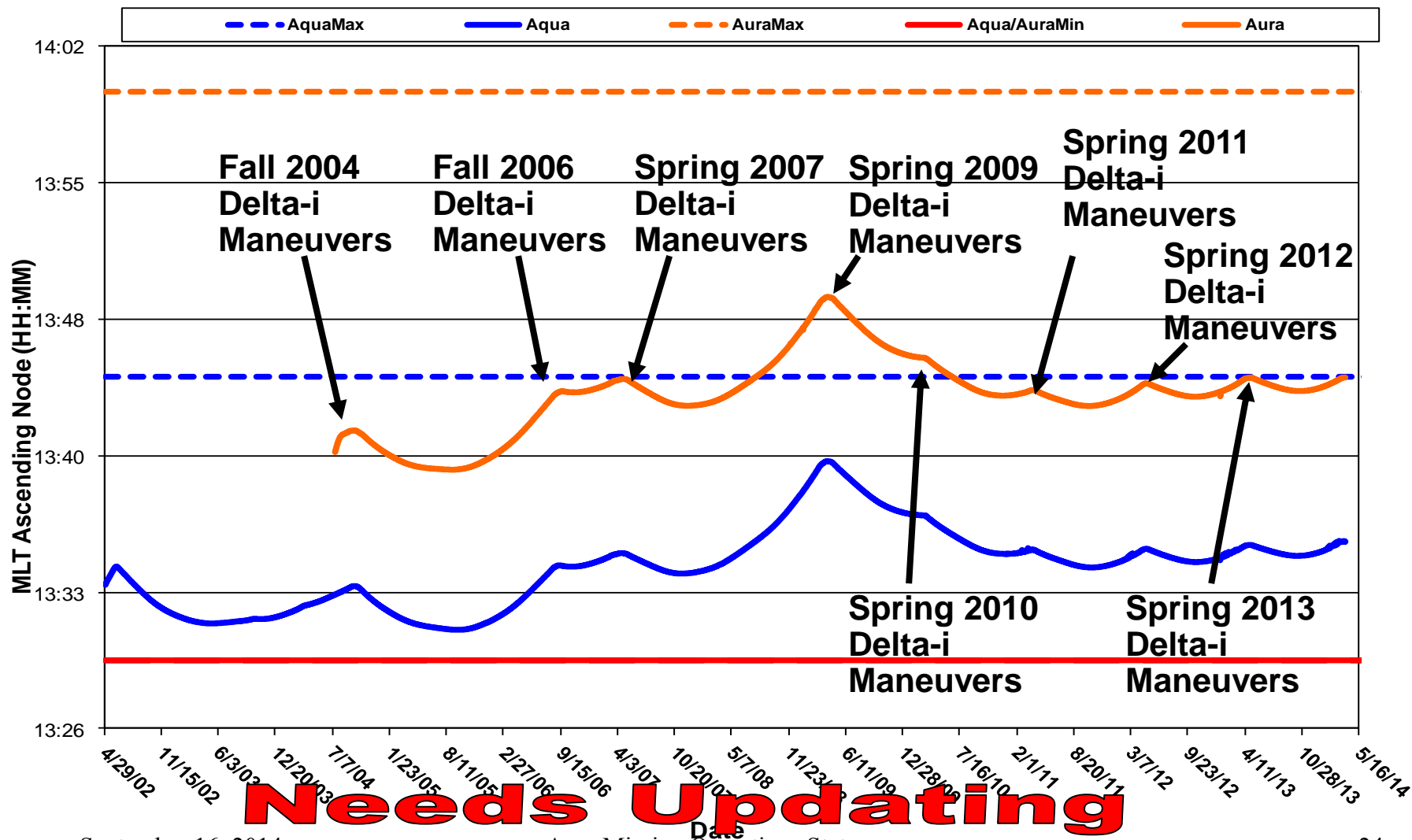
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Aqua/Aura Mean Local Time (MLT) @ Ascending Node



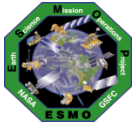
Aqua and Aura MLT Separation



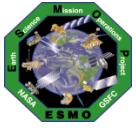


Aura Predicted Beta Angle (With Yearly Inclination Maneuvers)

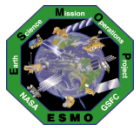




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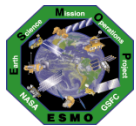
Backup Charts



Aura Conjunction Assessment High Interest Events



Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2011	3	4	1	8	1	2	0	1	3	4	4	1	32
T3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
T4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2012	2	4	2	3	3	3	3	1	1	0	1	4	27
T3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
T4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2013	1	4	3	2	2	1	0	1	3	3	5	4	29
T3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	3	9
T4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2014	1	2	3	3	0	3	2	3					17
T3	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	2					8
T4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0					1

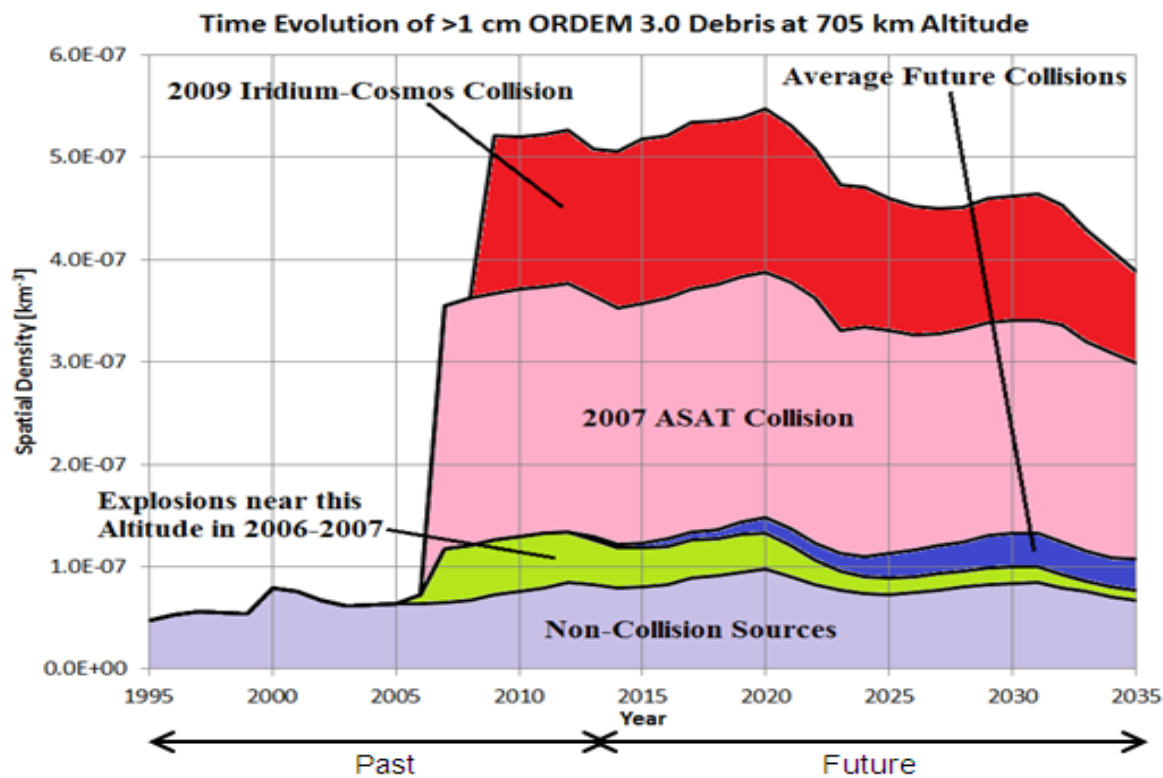


Future Debris Population

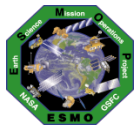


National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Future Population > 1 cm



Orbital Debris Program Office



Future Space Catalog



WHAT CAN BE TRACKED NOW

~20,000 SPACE DEBRIS OBJECTS



DOCUMENTED DEBRIS:



TIPPING POINT

Space debris has reached a tipping point, an unstoppable chain reaction of collisions.

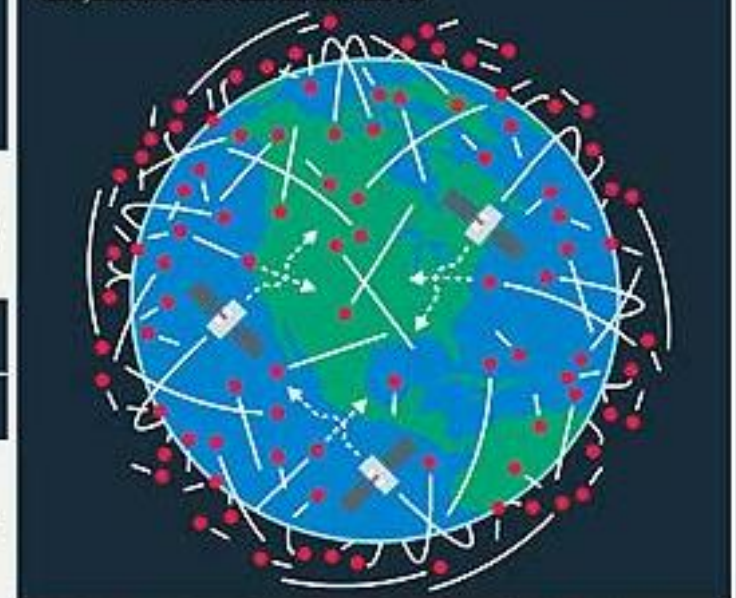


SPEED OF IMPACT

Traveling at nearly 17,000 miles per hour, a debris piece as small as a speck of paint can damage and destroy a satellite.

WHAT SPACE FENCE WILL TRACK

~200,000 SPACE DEBRIS OBJECTS



MODERN LIFE RELIES ON SATELLITES IN SPACE FOR:

